



**Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities**

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**TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT**

***Critical Issues Facing Special Needs and At-Risk Children and Youth:  
7th Annual Professional Seminar Series  
April 2010: Attention Deficit Disorder***

To: Providers of Mental Health, Addictive Diseases, and Developmental Disabilities Services,  
Stakeholders, and Families  
DBHDD Regional Coordinators

From: Audrey Sumner, Director of Community Services, Division of Mental Health

CC: DBHDD Management Team  
Leadership of Child Serving Agencies

Date: February 24, 2010

The purpose of this memo is to notify providers, parents and other interested parties of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Seminar Series on issues affecting special needs and at-risk children.

**Title:** ***Critical Issues Facing Special Needs and At-Risk Children and Youth: 7th Annual Professional Seminar Series, April 2010: Attention Deficit Disorder***

**Background:** The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Suicide Prevention Program, in partnership with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Justice for Children, the Marcus Institute and through a generous grant from the John and Mary Franklin Foundation, is pleased to announce the **7th Annual Professional Seminar Series**. The purpose of this series is to provide individuals who work with special needs and at-risk children, including professionals and family members, with an understanding of specific diagnoses and their associated interventions. These may include pharmacological, behavioral and family interventions. Each program will reference the risk of suicide in children with the particular diagnosis being addressed and provide resources for suicide prevention.

The **7th Annual Professional Seminar Series** will be offered monthly at the State Bar of Georgia. The planned dates and topics are:

Date	Topic
April 12, 2010	Attention Deficit Disorder
May 3, 2010	Post Traumatic Stress and Reactive Attachment Disorder
May 10, 2010	Post Traumatic Stress and Reactive Attachment Disorder

Registration is available **now** for the April session. Registration will be available later in March for the May sessions.

Please visit [www.dbhdd.georgia.gov/training](http://www.dbhdd.georgia.gov/training) (select Mental Health Training Announcements) for information about each month's session.

**Description:** Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a treatable condition that affects 4%-9% of children worldwide and 4.4 million children ages 4 to 17 in the United States. Symptoms of ADHD usually appear by age 7 and are evident in boys more often than girls. Associated with genetic and environmental factors, ADHD is characterized by one or more of the following core symptoms:

- Inattentiveness
- Distractibility
- Impulsiveness
- Hyperactivity

Treatment of ADHD helps manage the ADHD symptoms, including inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. Consistent ADHD treatment can improve the ability of a child with ADHD to function better in school and in social situations.

Treatment consists of ADHD medications, behavioral modification therapy or both. ADHD treatments are tailored to meet the unique needs of the child who has ADHD as well as the needs of the family. Studies have established the safety and effectiveness of using stimulant medications, other drugs, and behavioral therapy. These treatments work to improve a child's ability to function at school and to improve relationships with peers and parents.

**Date & Location:**

<b><i>Critical Issues Facing Special Needs and At-Risk Children and Youth: 7th Annual Professional Seminar Series April 2010: Attention Deficit Disorder</i></b> Training starts at 10:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm; sign-in begins at 9:00 am		
<b>Dates of Event</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Monday April 12, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>ATLANTA, GA</b> The State Bar of Georgia <b>Third Floor, Auditorium</b> 104 Marietta Street, Atlanta, GA 30303 <b>Directions: <a href="#">Click Here</a></b>

**Audience:** The seminar series is designed to promote interdisciplinary dialogue and to be inclusive of all parties that support children and youth: parents, foster parents and community organizations, local government entities, state departments and their contracted provider organizations.

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**Presenters:** **Dr. Leslie Rubin, M.D.**, is currently a Visiting Scholar at the Morehouse School of Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics and is directing the Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Curriculum for the Pediatric Residents. He is also the Medical Director of TEAM Centers, Chattanooga, TN.

Dr Rubin helped establish the Institute for the Study of Disadvantage and Disability in May of 2004. This Institute is focusing attention on the relationship between social and economic disadvantage and the prevalence, severity and nature of disabilities among children and in mechanisms of reducing risks and improving outcomes.

**Roy Sanders, M.D.**, is the Medical Director of Marcus Autism Center. Additionally, Dr. Sanders serves as the Director of Psychiatric Services of the Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Center. Dr. Sanders also serves as an assistant professor of psychiatry at Emory University School of Medicine.

Dr. Sanders has worked with the DeKalb County Community Service Board to help develop a comprehensive system of care for the children of the County. In this process, he worked with the juvenile court system and the foster care system in DeKalb County. He was subsequently asked to join the faculty of Marcus Autism Center and has been working to develop comprehensive psychiatric services for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Sanders is devoted to developing a comprehensive and humane system of care for children and adults with developmental disabilities. He is active in several community organizations aimed at making full inclusion a reality in our community.

**Registration:** **REGISTER ONLINE:** <http://www.cviog.uga.edu/dbhdd/pss.php>

- ***Please register online if possible – it's quick and easy! This link is dedicated to the Critical Issues Facing Special Needs and At-Risk Children and Youth: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Seminar Series.***
- If you are **unable** to access the Internet to register online, you may fax the Registration Form to UGA/CVIOG at 404-463-6808. For faxed registrations, please use the form on the last page of this announcement.
- This announcement is posted on the **Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Training website** at <http://dbhdd.georgia.gov> (select training from the menu on the left)
- Please note **registration deadline(s)** contained in this announcement. No registrations, online or faxed, will be accepted after the deadline(s).
- Early registration is encouraged and **you must provide an email address** so that we can communicate with you.
- When submitting registration online, an email will automatically be sent to the email address you provided; this email confirms receipt of your registration. This email is not an approval to attend the training. Please note that all registrants will be approved to attend unless space constraints prohibit us from doing so. In this situation, registrants will be approved on a "first registered, first approved" basis.
- Notification that you have been approved to attend will typically be sent two weeks prior to the date of the session for which you registered. This notification will be sent via email from the DBHDD Training staff. Exceptions to this timeframe may occasionally occur, depending on when the training was announced.
- At times, email from us may be automatically sent to your spam/junk email folder. If you have not received a notice 10 days prior to the event, please be sure to check your spam/junk email folder for the email correspondence prior to inquiring

about your status. You may wish to adjust your email settings to allow email from [RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us) to be received by your in-box.

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**CEUs:**

It is the goal of the DBHDD to continue to provide those working within the publically-funded DBHDD system with free, high quality opportunities to acquire credits needed for professional license renewal. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities policy regarding issuance of CEUs is based upon State Law and the guidelines set forth by the Georgia Composite Board, which state that **“participants must attend the entire presentation in order to receive continuing education credit.”** Please plan to arrive early or on time for all Department sponsored training events. **If you are more than 15 minutes late in arriving for a seminar, you will be welcome to remain for the balance of the presentation but we will not be able to issue continuing education credits to you as a participant. This policy applies to early departures as well – if you leave more than 15 minutes early, we will not be able to issue CEUs for your participation.**

We have instituted this policy in an effort to cut down on unnecessary interruptions during the presentation and to ensure that our ability to offer CEUs is not put into jeopardy. Participants are expected to make prior arrangements for management of work-related emergencies so that such events do not interfere with their full attendance and participation in the training.

We are seeking approval for CEUs for this training from the School of Social Work at the University of Georgia and the Georgia Psychological Association. If CEUs are awarded, there will be no charge to participants; however, those who require CEUs for licensure are responsible for (1) signing the Attendance Sheet for CEUs and (2) completing the Evaluation Form. Certificates will be mailed to participants who complete both of these forms at the conclusion of the training. No CEUs can be issued to any attendee who does not complete both of these forms and attend the entire training event.

**Please Note:** While there is no fee for this training, participants are responsible for their own travel, meals, snacks and lodging arrangements. Lunch will not be provided so you may wish to bring your own. You may also want to bring a light-weight jacket or sweater since facilities vary widely in their temperatures.

**Contact:** For questions, please contact Mat Winer, Training Coordinator II, via email at [RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us) or at (404) 463-0796

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**Fax Registration Form**

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Last Name	First Name	Middle
Mailing Address (Street Address or PO Box)		EMAIL Address (PLEASE PRINT)
City	State	Zip
Work Phone	Fax	Alternate Phone
Full Name of Organization You Work For or Indicate "Parent"		
Job Title		

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